

AN ACT

relating to the transfer of jurisdiction over and management of the  
Star of the Republic Museum to the Texas Historical Commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 442, Government Code, is amended by  
adding Subchapter B-1 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER B-1. STAR OF THE REPUBLIC MUSEUM

Sec. 442.061. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "museum"  
means the Star of the Republic Museum.

Sec. 442.062. JURISDICTION AND MAINTENANCE OF MUSEUM.

(a) The museum and its contents are under the jurisdiction of the  
commission. The commission is responsible for the preservation,  
maintenance, and operation of the museum.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), Blinn College District  
maintains ownership of the museum, the land on which the museum is  
located, and the artifacts in the museum.

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (b), any power or duty  
related to the museum formerly vested in any other state agency or  
entity is vested solely in the commission.

(d) The commission shall, in coordination with an advisory  
committee appointed by the board of trustees of the Blinn College  
District, promote the educational and public awareness programs at  
the museum, the Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site, and  
the Barrington Living History Farm.

1        Sec. 442.063. GRANTS; DONATIONS. The commission may accept  
2 a grant or donation for any program or purpose of the museum.

3        SECTION 2. (a) On January 1, 2020, the following are  
4 transferred to the Texas Historical Commission:

5                (1) all powers and duties of Blinn College District  
6 relating to the Star of the Republic Museum;

7                (2) all unobligated and unexpended funds  
8 appropriated, donated, or contributed to Blinn College District  
9 designated for the administration of any part of the Star of the  
10 Republic Museum; and

11                (3) all files and other records of Blinn College  
12 District kept by Blinn College District regarding the Star of the  
13 Republic Museum.

14        (b) Notwithstanding any other law, Blinn College District  
15 shall continue to perform functions and activities related to the  
16 Star of the Republic Museum until January 1, 2020, and the former  
17 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

18        SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2309 passed the Senate on April 17, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2309 passed the House on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor